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SHRYOCK LOG HOUSE

3½ miles west of Oldtown on Route 51

Early 1900's

The Shryock House is a two story rectangular log structure with a gabled roof. A rectangular addition abuts the rear, northwestern corner of the house and also has a gabled roof. The windows in the structure are all double hung wooden sash frames, but vary from one over one to six over six lights. It stands as one of the youngest log dwellings in Allegany County.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shryock Log House

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3½ miles West of Oldtown On 51

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Florence Wolfe

Telephone #: 395-5457

STREET & NUMBER

Route 51

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 172

Folio #: 581

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Shryock Log House is located 3½ miles west of Oldtown on the north side of Route 51.

The house still contains its original log fabric with the exception of clapboarding in the gables. The main block is rectangular shaped, and a rectangular addition was made abutting the rear, northwestern side. The house was built right on the the ground with no visible foundation and no water table. Windows on the first story include double hung wooden sash frames with two over two and one over one lights, all with plain trim. Those on the second floor are also double hung wooden sash frames, but display six over six lights. The front door (on the south side) is the original verticle paneled one with plain trim. The roofs on both the main block and the rear addition are gabled, showing rafter ends. A porch with a shed roof supported by three square columns adjoins the eastern side of the rear addition.

The house structurally is not very sound, and is generally considered as being in fair to poor condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Shryock Log House, constructed in the early 1900's stands out as one of the youngest log dwellings in Allegany County. From the front; it greatly resembles Lock House #75 along the C & O Canal which was built in the late 1840's; but this house was built 60 years later. The house has not been lived in since the late 1930's, and has been left to weather.

The present owner, Florence Wolf, lived in the log house for the first three years after purchase in 1934. She now lives next door and uses the yard of the log house for vegetable gardens.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Shryock Log House  
Route 51  
Northwest of Oldtown  
AL-III-B-025

Allegany County Deed, Liber 172, Folio 581  
grantee: Albert F. Wolf & wife Florence Wolf  
grantor: William A. Dolan et. ux.  
October 6, 1934

Allegany County Deed, Liber 139, Folio 397  
grantee: William A. Dolan et. ux.  
grantor: Sarah Shryock et. al.  
January 9, 1922  
Consideration: \$500.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 105, Folio 332  
grantee: Sarah Shryock  
grantor: John G. Barth  
November 21, 1908

Allegany County Deed, Liber 62, Folio 366  
grantee: John G. Barth  
grantor: Adam Barth  
March 7, 1885  
Consideration: \$1,500.00

Allegany County Deed, Liber 51, Folio 441  
grantee: Adam Barth  
grantor: Samuel Appold et. al.  
October 4, 1878

Allegany County Deed, Liber 32, Folio 597  
grantee: Samuel Appold et. al.  
grantor: James W. Jones  
February 15, 1872

Allegany County Deed, Liber 28, Folio 546  
grantee: James W. Jones  
grantor: George Smith, Executor of John Hoyer & Josiah H. Gordon  
February 15, 1869

INVENTORY NO.

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13 ACRES

172-581

DATE:

8/26/74

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY:

~~SHRYOCK~~ SHRYOCK LOG HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

3 1/2 MILES WEST OF OLDTOWN ON 51.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

SOUTH

SALLY SHRYOCK

BUILT HOME

NAME OF OWNER:

FLORENCE

WOLFE

DOLAN FAMILY

ADDRESS:

ROUTE 51, 13 ACRES  
OLDTOWNSTORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: REAR ADDITION

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
 ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
 ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 (☒) LOG  
 ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

NONE - BUILT ON GROUND

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
 pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip( ) gable( )

Terecotta

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original(☒) replaced(☒)  
 LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

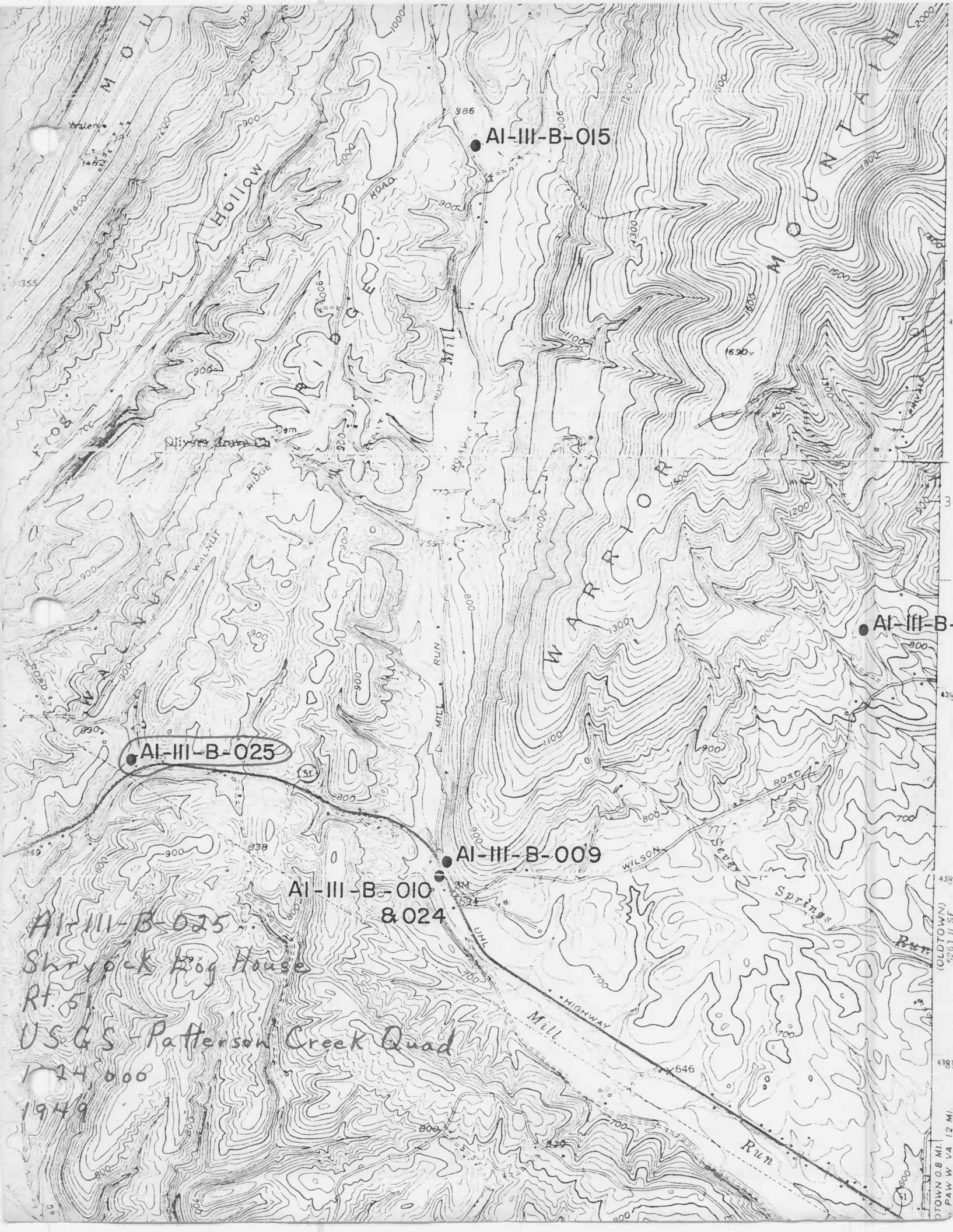
COMMENTS:

Use - STORAGE

Significance - ONE OF YOUNGEST LOG HOMES

Date Constructed - Around 1910

Condition - FAIR



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Shryock Bog House  
Rt. 51  
USGS Patterson Creek Quad  
1:24,000  
1949

OLD TOWN 0.8 MI.  
PAW W VA 12 MI.





Shryock Log House

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3.5 Miles W. of Oldtown

Rt. 51

John E. Nelson

8/26/76

Southwest



Shryock Log House

AI- III - B- 025

3.5 Miles W. of Oldtown

51 Rt.

John E. Nelson

8/26/76

Northwest